

[English]

**Setting up of National Gas Grid**

2449. SHRI GOPI NATH  
GAJAPATHI:  
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a  
proposal to set up a National Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the main objective of setting up  
such a Grid;

(c) the tentative date by which it is  
expected to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-  
RAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.  
KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Several proposals  
in this regard have been made from time to  
time but no decision has been taken to set  
up a National Gas Grid.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

**Production and Demand of Petroleum  
Products**

2450. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between  
production and demand of petroleum prod-  
ucts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on October  
31, 1991; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be  
taken to bridge the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-  
RAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.  
KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.  
The shortfall is made up by imports of pe-  
troleum products.

(c) Amongst the steps being taken by  
the Government to bridge the gap of petro-  
leum products are;

(i) Intensification of activities relating  
to exploration and production of  
crude oil and natural gas;

(ii) Setting up of grass root refineries  
and expansion of existing refiner-  
ies; and

(iii) Attaching high priority to energy  
conservation measures in all sec-  
tors of the economy.

**World Bank Loan for Sri Ramsagar and  
Srisaillam Right Bank Canal Projects**

2451. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the  
Minister of WATER RESOURCES be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank loan pro-  
vided for the Sri Ramsagar and Srisaillam  
Right Bank Canal Project in Andhra Pradesh  
is likely to lapse within the next two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken  
in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-  
SOURCE (SHRI VIDYACHARAN  
SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. Sri Ram Sagar and